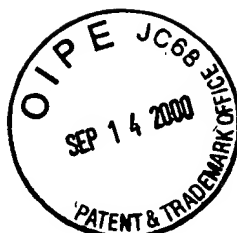


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Sir:

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REMARKS

Claims 26-40 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 28-30 have been allowed.

Claim 31, which depends from claims 26 and 27, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 26 and 27. However, claim 31 has not been rewritten at this time because Applicants believe claims 26 and 27 should be allowable for the reasons described below.